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HOOVER AND THE FAIR

HERBERT HOOVER will be Secretary of Commerce for the next few years, as he will not be director-in-chief of the Philadelphia fair of 1923. Therefore he can—and, judging from the tone of his letter to Mayor Moore, probably will—do almost as much for the general success of the fair project as he might have done if he were directing the work in this city.

CIVIL SERVICE AND RUM

EFFORTS are being made by the Civil Service Reform Association to secure the passage of a law which will put the prohibition enforcement officers in the classified service. The association insists that it was a mistake to allow the head of the enforcement bureau absolute discretion in the selection of his subordinates, because this has enabled politicians to control the situation.

INDIAN OBSCURITIES

THE arrest of Mohandas K. Gandhi adds to the complexity of the disturbed situation in India. The sedition of which this leader is accused is unique in that it is spiritual and in a large measure, furthermore, his mystical philosophy is but remotely related to the practical and secular belligerency of the Moslems, who resent the degradation of Turkey, once the independent stronghold of Mohammedanism.

SOME HOPE FOR THE STAGE

DRAMATISTS, theatrical managers and producers in New York have combined to organize a voluntary jury system designed to banish indecent and flippant plays from the stage. The representative and diversified character of the movement clears it at once of charges that it may function in a narrow or petty obstructionist spirit.

THE MYSTERY OF TRENTON

IT ONLY to better illuminate the prohibition question as it stands, somebody ought to psycho-analyze the Legislature of New Jersey. Both houses at Trenton passed the Van Ness act with a roar of approval, though the Van Ness act was medieval in its rigors. Both houses cheerfully passed a substitute Dry Enforcement Bill which is quite as drastic in its provisions as the Volstead law. Yet it was only after much wrestling with the spirit and a terrific conflict of groups that the Legislature managed to get itself on record for ratification of the Federal Prohibition Amendment.

CALMLY THE COUNTRY DRIFTS TOWARD A RUINOUS MINE WAR

A Coal Famine and High Prices Will Almost Certainly Follow the Coal Strike Scheduled for April 1
IF YOU will think for a moment in terms of economics rather than in terms ordinarily used by the weather forecaster you may say with truth that April will come in like a lion. It may go out like two lions. For a coal strike of unprecedented dimensions and unexampled bitterness seems inevitable. It is scheduled to begin on April 1.

CITY WATER FOR ALL

THE purchase of the Holmesburg Water Company, as provided for in an ordinance now pending in Council, is in line with sound municipal policy. Independent water companies operating within the city limits are anachronisms.
What is it that the private organization originally performed a commendable service in the outlying districts of Philadelphia, the development of the city has now rendered this work superfluous and, indeed, in some instances, a burden to residents.

WE ARE THE GOVERNMENT

ALTHOUGH we have had democratic government in the United States for nearly a hundred and fifty years, it periodically happens that groups of citizens forget what the Government is.
Theoretically they know that the Government is the people organized for the preservation of order and the protection of life and liberty. Practically they look upon it as something apart from themselves, with inexhaustible resources that can be tapped at will.

ALASKA NEEDS THE PRESIDENT

MR. HARDING'S desire to visit Alaska is reiterated. He is expected in Santa Ana, Calif., where a sister, the President's residence. If the Executive goes to the Pacific Coast next summer it is virtually certain that he will proceed to the great Northwest Territory.
Western trip is hoped that this large-scale tour will be undertaken. Economic and political conditions in Alaska are apparently none too healthy at the present moment. There was a decline of nearly 10,000 in population in the decade ending 1920.

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SHORT CUTS

- A slippery Mitten balks many a Topple play.
All the Genoa conference lacks in program.
The way Islam pronounces it nowadays is "Islam."
There is no tactful pressure about the income tax.
Time to brush up the spring house cleaning jokes.
If it only knew the disappointment of the world feels the Antigonish ghost would be in an appearance.
Well, anyhow, nobody can say that unbecomingly haste has been shown in the solution of a fair site.
Will the radio broadcasting station interfere with newspaper circulation? No, on your comic strip!
Speaking of ghosts, that was quite a wallop. Charles Darwin handed Willie Jennings Bryan in old Kentucky.
Tenth and Bainbridge streets has steps into the ghostlight. It would go for old Philadelphia couldn't dig up a ghost or two.
Daytona will now proceed to claim that the President addressed the pill with politeness. It is a habit confirmed by intercourse with the Senate.
If four householders with four or five vegetable gardens agreed not to keep chickens, would that constitute an alliance merely a gentleman's agreement?
The only people who appear to be getting any satisfaction out of the present campaign are the Democratic campaign workers—and their joy is tempered by Democratic alignment on the treaties.
L'Envoi to the Bullade of Antigonish written by the Spook and forwarded Short Cuts by grasping wireless.
O Prince, your visit is in vain. I've realized my earnest wish. I've put upon the map, 'tis plain. Astonishing Antigonish.

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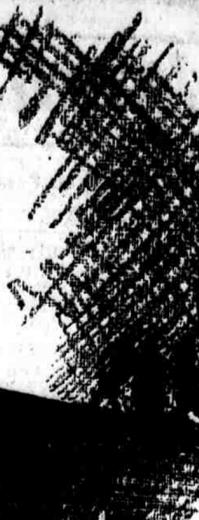
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